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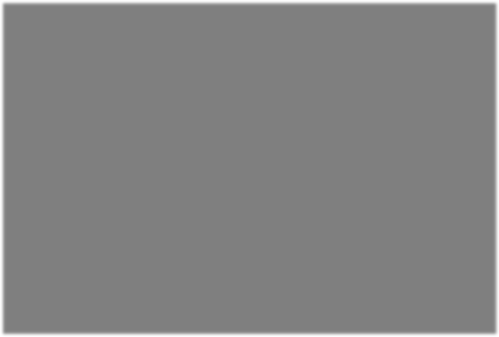
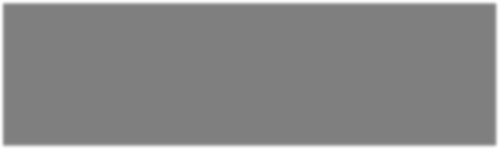
**FALL OF EMPIRES: PSA**

Date:

**Directions:**

# We will read & annotate the first two paragraphs together. Then, answer questions 1-2.

1. With a partner, read and annotate your assigned reason for decline & answer questions 3-6.
2. Each group is responsible for creating a Public Service Announcement (PSA) PPT that warns against history repeating itself. Your poster should contain the following:
   1. An official title (your reason for decline)
   2. A slogan or hashtag or motto that helps explain your reason & your example
   3. Illustrations that exemplify the reason for decline
   4. At least two examples of an empire who fell (partly) because of this reason
   5. A potential solution for empires to avoid this problem
3. In your PSA, it should be easy to identify what the issue is, how it affected at least two classical empires, and how and why this issue could and should have been avoided.
4. PSAs will be presented on Wednesday to help you fill out the back of this sheet.



1. Give 2 examples of broad theories to explain the fall of empires.
2. What is the problem with broad theories?

Assigned reason for decline =

1. Explain your reason for decline.
2. Why would this lead to the fall of an empire?
3. Choose two empires that experienced this specific downfall, explain what happened, and why.
4. How could this reason be avoided?

In each box, check off as many reasons for decline. Then, write a summary of what led to that empire’s decline.

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